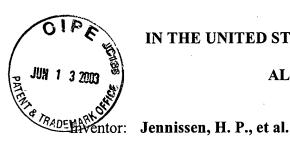
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

To whom it may concern:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated May 16, 2003. Please enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 51, and 59-61 without prejudice as these claims may be pursued in a divisional application.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

The Office considered that the claims as amended per Preliminary Amendment (filed November 22, 2000) would be drawn to three patentably distinct inventions and requested restriction to one of the three groups as established by the Examiner (Group I: Claims 32-50 and 52-58; Group II: Claim 51; and Group III: Claims 59-61). The applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, the applicant elects Group I without traverse with claims 32-50 and 52-58 reading on Group I. Consequently, claims 51, and 59-61 are canceled.